IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Docket No. 33858-CIP8-CNT2

ANNEN et al.

Serial No.: 09/849,388

Group Art Unit No. 1714

Filed: May 3, 2001

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POSITIONS THEREWITH

Examiner: Joseph David Anthony

Commissioner of Patents Alexandra, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants, through their attorneys, hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a 3-month extension of time in which to file a response to office action of March 26, 2003. The fee in the amount of \$465.00 is requested to be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522 for the 3-month fee.

In the event that the foregoing request or fee calculation is incorrect, this Petition should be construed as one for sufficient time to permit timely filing of the present reply. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Petition should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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